

RACHAEL M. PETERSON

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CERTIFICATION

Oregon Initial Teaching License

Authorization levels: Early Childhood Education, Elementary Education

Endorsements: Multiple Subjects, Reading (*Pending*), ESOL (*In progress*)

EDUCATION

Willamette University, Salem, OR

Graduate School of Education: Master of Arts in Teaching, June 2011.

College of Liberal Arts: B.A. Psychology, May 2010

Oakridge High School, Oakridge, OR

Class Valedictorian

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pringle Elementary School, Salem, OR

Student Teacher; September 2010- June 2011

- Observed and taught multiple subjects in a 4th and 5th grade blended classroom
- Three-week full responsibility teaching experience
- Developed and implemented multiple interdisciplinary units
- Reading Practicum (5th grade)

Lee Elementary School, Salem, OR

Practicum; September 2010-December 2010;

- Observed and taught multiple subjects in a Kindergarten classroom
- Responsible for one “center” daily (various subjects)
- Developed and implemented an interdisciplinary unit on The First Thanksgiving

McKinley Elementary School, Salem, OR

Intern with school counselor, general classroom aid; Fall 2009

- Established lessons for a weekly “Homework Club” after analyzing report card data to determine which students would benefit most from learning study skills
- Volunteered in classrooms grades 1-4
- Observed and provided assistance in a special needs classroom for children with Autistic tendencies
- Shadowed the daily duties of the school counselor and interacted with students/small groups

Bush Elementary School, Salem, OR / Willamette University Office of Community Service Learning, Salem, OR

Bush Elementary School Volunteer Coordinator & after school program coordinator; August 2007-May 2009

- Responsible for the training of Tiger Club volunteers and the administration of this twice weekly program for students at risk for not passing state testing requirements
- Communication with all Bush School volunteers from Willamette University in regards to classroom placements
- Worked extensively with school staff (Leadership Team, Office Manager, Principal) regarding student placements and the organization of the Tiger Club program

Willamette Pass Resort, Cascade Mountains, OR

Ski and snowboard instructor, Ski & Board Camp program supervisor; Winters 2004-2010

- Taught small groups of children ages 4-10 in a full-day program
- Supervised instructors in their lessons and provided instructional assistance as needed
- Oversight of registration of students and determined class assignments based on level

OTHER EMPLOYMENT

Learning Palace, Salem, OR

- June 2010- October 2010; Sales clerk

Willamette University Office of Admission, Salem, OR

- 2009-2010; Student Outreach Ambassador

United States Forest Service, Diamond Lake Ranger District, Diamond Lake, OR

- Summer 2009; Recreation Maintenance

Husky Homestead Tours, Denali Park, AK

- Summer 2008; Reservations agent, photographer, sales clerk

SKILLS

Flexibility, Organization, Team Player, Committed to learning, Understanding of child development, Recognition of various learning styles, Reflective, Objective, Strong relations with parents and colleague, Focus on students as individuals

AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS

Oregon Reading Association/International Reading Association member (2010-current)

Greek Woman of the Year nominee, Willamette University (2010)

Member, Order of Omega honor society (2009-2010)

Opening Days new-student orientation program: Interim Coordinator (Spring 2010), Leadership Team (2008 & 2009), program Leader (2007-2009)

Panhellenic President (2009)

Pi Beta Phi sorority member (2007-2010), Vice President of Philanthropy-*focus on literacy initiatives* (2008)

Willamette University ASWU Senate Senator (2006-2008)

Senator of the Semester, ASWU Senate, Willamette Univ. (Spring 2007)

Valedictorian, Oakridge High School (2006)

Junior Citizen of the Year, Oakridge, Oregon (2005)